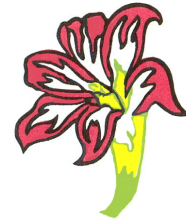


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WPDSAA SOUTH & WEST INSHORE LEAGUE – 2011 SEASON **CONCEPT & PARTICIPATION**

AIMS

- A.1 To promote light tackle sport fishing amongst all the anglers affiliated to WPDSAA.
- A.2 To ensure all league competitions are fished fairly and all anglers can participate on as equal a basis as possible.
- A.3 To ensure all boats can participate safely.
- A.4 To find the top anglers in each category, top boat and top club.
- A.5 To reward any angler or club for their performance as the WPDSAA may deem fit.
- A.6 To select Provincial Teams.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (SOUTH & WEST)

WPDSAA Tournament Officer (for both sections on a control basis) or his nominee if unavailable.

Tournament Officer of each participating club (minimum three) OR their nominees, to be confirmed prior to the start of each leg and notified to all participating clubs who will be available at the venue, half-an-hour prior to launch and again until close of scales.

WEATHER COMMITTEE (SOUTH & WEST)

WPDSAA Tournament Officer, Host Club or venue Radio & Safety Officer(if available), Host Club Tournament Officer, Tournament Officers from other participating clubs (minimum two) or their elected Nominees to be confirmed by Thursday prior to the start of each leg and notified to all participating clubs.

[NB: it is imperative that a neutral balance of elected nominees is maintained throughout the season so as there decision-making does not cause subjectivity.]

BRIEFING

There will be a Tournament Officers briefing hosted by the WP Tournament Officer prior to the commencement of the season, to discuss any rule changes and new dates and elect the seasons Tournament Committee and the seasons Weather committee, or their elected Nominees.

A league brief prior to the commencement of a league weekend is to be done by the WP T/O and distributed to all the club T/O's.

It is the duty of the club Tournament Officer's to advise all league Skippers and Anglers, prior to the commencement of the season, the new rules and elected dates for the season.

During all SOUTH leagues the skippers briefing on the Friday evening - attendance by at least the skipper or crew members (in his absence) is COMPULSORY.

A. LEGS & VENUES (WEST&SOUTH)

The WEST league will now be a SPLIT LAUNCH from ALL the respective WP affiliated clubs.

- All WP affiliated clubs may participate in the WEST league
- You may launch from the site of your choice
- League will be held on 1 chosen day (either the Saturday or Sunday) selected from the dates set
- You may only WEIGH IN where you SIGN IN
- Weather call is compulsory and will be determined from CAPE POINT only and will apply to all clubs whether the league is ON or OFF

A.1 WEST : Max. 5 legs + 1 spare

A.2 SOUTH : Max. 5 legs (3 legs at Kleinbaai and 2 legs at Struisbaai) + 2 spare (1 at each venue)

The spare legs (if required) venue choice will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

A3. If by 10:00 On the Saturday no fish have been boated and the event is called off due to bad weather, it shall be considered cancelled and fished on the Sunday if possible.

B. WEATHER CONDITIONS (SOUTH & WEST)

B.1. The Tournament & Weather Committee, with the aid of the Weather Stations, **can decide if the event is NOT to take place, due to inclement weather conditions by 19h00 on the WEDNESDAY prior to the league** and to notify all via the WP tape. If this is not possible the following below will apply:

B.2 The WP Tournament Officer in consultation with the respective club T/O's must make a decision by no later than 19h00 on the Friday before the league and notify all via the WP tape.

B.3 If a decision cannot be made on the Friday because there still doubt about the weather, the elected Tournament Committee & Weather Committee may review the decision, subject to the following:

B.4 WEST League

A decision must be made two hours (2) before launch time of the event-taking place and notified to all via the WP tape.

In the interest of the league being fished and knowing that the weather will moderate a delayed decision can be made, which will at latest, be taken by 08h00.

B.5 SOUTH League

A decision to be made at registration or may be delayed until 08h00.

C. WEATHER DECISION

- a. For **reasons of safety**, lines-up may be called early by **MAJORITY VOTE** of the elected Weather Committee or their nominee, under which circumstances any angler fighting fish **MUST CUT-OFF IMMEDIATELY**.
- b. For **reasons other than safety**, lines-up may be called early by **UNANIMOUS VOTE** of the elected Weather Committee or their nominee, under which circumstances any angler may continue fighting a fish for 10 minutes after the lines up call.

- c. **The Weather Committee ONLY will use channel 69** in the case of making these weather decisions at sea and may not be interrupted by any other persons when making their decision.

D. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Failure to comply with conditions of participation may result in the individual angler's scores, boat score and club score not being scored and/or disqualified.

- D.1 Participating boats will carry a current SADSAA safety disc number and it must be entered on the registration form by close of scales.
- D.2 All anglers must be registered members, in their own right, of this Association.
- D.3 All anglers must fill in their Western Province angling numbers on the registration forms. The onus will rest with each angler to remember his/her angling number.
- D.4 New anglers must affiliate to Western Province through their respective clubs within two weeks of fishing a leg. **The onus will rest with the skipper to ensure that the new angler gets affiliated. If the angler does not affiliate within the two weeks, the boat and new angler will not be scored.**
- D.5 All vessels participating in the league do so as amateur sports anglers, under the auspices of the WPDSAA. As such, the laws pertaining to sport and recreation regarding bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on all participants.
Boats carrying a LT or any other commercial type license **MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE provided it is** in accordance of their regulations and that they abide by the rules as set out.
- D.6 The registration form must be signed, clearly stating name of boat, boat registration number (this reg number must be accurate as the WP scorer will be using it in the future to identify your vessel),SADSAA disc number, names of each team member, name of club they represent and the line class and brand they are using prior to the official launch time
- D.7 In the event of mechanical failure of vessels, contact is to be made with the Control Boat to notify them of the problem and an extension of the scales closing time may be allowed.
- D.8 The onus will rest with the Skipper of each boat, regarding the safety of his/her crew, on whether to go to sea or not. Should the Skipper decide to go to sea, he/she does so at his/her own risk and indemnifies WPDSAA of all risk and legal implications.
- D.9 Provincial or SADSAA representation on a league day, the anglers concerned will NOT score but will be adjudged as FISHED in the league for the provincial selection criteria process only.
- D.10 **SPLIT LAUNCHES.**
- (i) When participating in the **In Shore League West** all affiliated clubs may participate & split launches apply from all the affiliated clubs launch sites only.
- (ii) There will be **SPLIT launches** in the **In Shore League South** when hosted by Overberg Angling Club .All vessels have a choice to **launch & retrieve** from either KleinBaai or GansBaai harbour.(you may not launch from one and retrieve from another)

RULES

A. ANGLING RULES

WPDSAA/IGFA Rules will apply EXCEPT THAT; **the double line shall not exceed one & half metres [1.5m] and the leader shall not exceed three metres [3m]. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed four & half metres (4.5m), measured from the first knot to the end of the hook.**

NB! IF NO DOUBLE LINE IS USED, THE TOTAL OVERALL LENGTH OF THE LEADER AND TRACE SHALL NOT EXCEED three metres[3 m]

B. BOATS

All boats must have a qualified skipper on board and may only carry participating anglers. With the express permission of the skipper, a recognized reporter of recognized media/newspapers may be allowed on board, but may only be on board as an observer. It is envisaged that the promotion of angling as a sport be encouraged.

C. SKIPPERS

- C.1 It is the duty of each Skipper to act as a referee and see that the rules are strictly adhered to.
- C.2 In the interests of safety and sportsmanship, each Skipper is expected to give as accurate as possible details regarding position and catch when asked to do so.
- C.3 Any person talking on the radio of a boat will be considered to be representing his/her Skipper.
- C.4 In the interests of sportsmanship, only 29 Meg and channel 71 VHF may be used for competition chatter, other VHF channels may only be used for reasons of safety.
- C.5 Cellular phones and boat Sat phones may NOT be used for inter-boat communication till lines up.
- C.6 If for reasons of safety any skipper participating finds conditions unsafe he must contact the Control Boat firstly and only if unsuccessful then any member of the elected Weather Committee for the day who will then give immediate consideration to the matter in consultation with the rest of the Weather Committee.

D. ANGLERS

Any Angler, who is an affiliated member of more than one (1) club, must nominate the club he/she wishes to fish for, before the start of the League Season and may not change his/her nomination during the course of that League Season.

D.1 JUNIOR ANGLER

A junior angler will be under the age of sixteen (16) years at the start of the season (effective on 1 January 2011). He/she will be subject to all participation rules including boat score

D.2 NOVICE ANGLER

A novice will be under the age of fourteen (14) years at the start of a league season (effective on 1 January 2011). He/she will be subject to all participation rules, and four (4) rods will be allowed on board, but he/she may not have more than two (2) line in the water at any one time and will have no bearing on individual, boat or club score and will only accumulate points towards a NOVICE AWARD. A novice who achieves Provincial colours will be upgraded to junior status with effect from the next season.

E. RODS

An angler may have a maximum of 4 rods and 4 reels on board, may not have more than **two lines** in the water at any one time.

In the event of both lines going off simultaneously the angler may elect another angler, who is fishing the same line class only, to take one rod, subject to that angler retrieving 1 rod of his own (if he has 2 rods in the water at that time)

F. LINE CLASS

COMPULSORY line class maximum 4kg (IGFA rated) lesser line classes may be used but all scores will be calculated with a factor of 2. No heavier line may be taken on board except as required for traces.

F.1 LINE BRANDS – PRE APPROVED

- The Tournament Committee may at their discretion determine which brand of lines may or may not be used in the inshore league.
- The Tournament Committee has pre approved the following MONOFILAMENT brands: Ande, Berkley, Stren, Moimoi, Platypus, Suffix and Double X in the IGFA range only. IF USED these lines will not be tested.
- The approved MULTIFILAMENT brand: Berkley Fire Line Crystal 2lb (0.9kg) only may be used as a 3kg class line
- Should an angler use a “non approved” line brand he must submit a sample of 5m of such line prior to league (this sample should be wound around a piece of cardboard and inserted in a plastic bag with the anglers name and details of the line written on it) and hand to their respective club T/O.
- Should an angler elect to use a “non approved” line and fail to submit a sample as described above he/she will be disqualified from that league event. The Tournament Committee may add additional brands to the approved list provided they are satisfied as to the suitability of the product.

F.2 LINE TESTING METHOD

PRE-APPROVED line used will not be subject to testing

Tests are to be done before all leagues through the assistance of the club T/O's. DRY testing only qualifies.

If samples fail the first dry test a minimum of three (3) more DRY tests will be done and the average will determine the class.

F.3 LINE TRANSGRESSIONS

Failure to comply with pts F.1 and F.2 the Tournament Committee may at their discretion apply the following disqualification criteria:

- 1st offence.....individual anglers score for the day
- 2nd offence.....entire team and boat score for the day
- 3rd offence.....entire clubs score for the day

G. MINIMUM WEIGHT/SIZE

The minimum weight for species to count will be 1 kg (subject to the minimum legislated size & weight requirement per species as specified in the regulations)

NO BARBEL, SHARK, SKATE OR RAY SPECIES TO COUNT – SNOEK may be caught during all legs.

H. BAG LIMITS

All vessels participating in the league do so as amateur sports anglers under the auspices of the WPDSAA. As such, the laws pertaining to sport and recreation regarding bag limits, minimum sizes and protected species are binding on ALL participants.

I. SPECIES

The in shore league is a species driven format. There is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of ten per angler, irrespective of the species caught, subject to a maximum of the daily bag limit allowed per species.

No weighable fish may be kept alive in Live bait/bait wells – THE FIRST FISH KILLED IS TO COUNT

J. FISHING AREAS

WEST LEAGUE

The Tournament Committee at their discretion may limit or extend area boundaries

- a. When launching from either GBBAC FBMT CBSBC ABC, the fishing area will be from Robben Island around the Bellows through to Rocky Bank (the pinnacle) to Cape Hangklip (or vice versa)
NORTH BOUNDARY..... Robben Island WITH a maximum three (3) nautical mile radius around the island.
HOUT BAY ...down to SOUTHWEST REEF to the BELLOWS....max five (5) nautical miles out to sea from land
ROCKY BANK three (3) nautical mile radius around the bank (measured from the pinnacle)
SOUTHERN BOUNDARY..... CAPE HANGKLIP within a five (5) nautical mile radius of Cape Hangklip.
- b. When launching or the venue is Yzerfontein, the fishing area will beNORTHERN boundary will be limited to 10NM from the slipway....the WESTERN & SOUTHERN boundaries will be Dassen Island with a maximum of a six (6) nautical mile radius around the island.
- c. If Suid Punt & Overberg participate in the West league they are to abide by the fishing area's stipulated below in the South League.

NB: No fishing may be allowed in any restricted area as demarcated as new reserves as stipulated in the Table Mountain National Park Marine Protected Area.

SOUTH LEAGUE

- a. When the venue is at **Struisbaai**, the fishing area will be a line from Arniston **six (6) nautical miles out to sea** to a point 34degrees 57minutes SOUTH – 19degrees 47minutes EAST this boundary being west of the 6 mile bank. The fishing area includes the **entire 6 mile bank and a line due north to the shore including the areas 5 mile bank and Saxon reef.**
During the South league only a further extension to include the 12 mile bank will be considered at registration but will be subject to favourable weather conditions.
NB:This extension does not apply if fishing the WEST league from StruisBaai.
- b. When the venue is **Gansbaai/Kleinbaai**, the fishing area will be **ten (10) nautical miles** from either launch site when fishing outside WESTWARDS from each slip and NORTH towards Hermanus.**When fishing SOUTH the boundary is extended to Quoin Point with a maximum three (3) nautical mile radius from the QP lighthouse.** DYER ISLAND has a 500m restriction from the high water mark.

K. FISHING TIMES

K.1 Departure from all launch sites will be:

WEST 1 March to 30 September 07h00 1 October to 28 February 06h00

SOUTH 1 March to 30 September 07h00 1 October to 28 February 06h00
or as decided by the weather committee at registration

K.2 In the interest of the WEST & SOUTH league being fished a delay in the weather decision is allowed until 08h00

L. LINES UP

SOUTH LEAGUES

Lines- up on a **SATURDAY** will be 16h00IF FISHED ON ANY **SUNDAY** lines up will be at 14h00

WEST LEAGUES

Lines- up on a **SATURDAY** will be 15h00IF FISHED ON ANY **SUNDAY** lines up will be at 14h00

The exceptions are as follows:

- a. For reasons of safety lines-up may be called early by majority vote of the elected weather committee (or their nominees); and
- b. For reasons other than safety early lines-up must be unanimous vote of the elected weather committee (or their nominees).
- c. An angler may continue fighting a fish for 1 (one) hour after lines-up only provided it was hooked prior to the call and is immediately reported to the control boat. Fish hooked after the lines-up call, must be disqualified.

M. SCORING

1. All points scored will be awarded in accordance with the **WPDSAA scoring system together with a GRAND PRIX 1000 - point system(subject to : if 30% or less of anglers catching fish...then 500pts will be awarded)**
2. The total score of the anglers on board will determine boat scores **divided by a minimum of three (3) participants.**
3. The total score of that angler/boat will determine the top angler/boat over the whole season.
4. The club score will be the **total score of the top ten anglers of that club** for that particular day and the total of all the events will be the overall score of that participating club.
5. **For the Species scoring system, individual scoring will be calculated as the total points of an angler for the day.... multiplied by the number of legal species he/she has caught.**
6. The grand prix system **based on the species scoring** will apply to individuals, boats and clubs scores
7. Western Province floating trophies may be won by any WPDSAA affiliated angler but must remain within our Provincial boundaries.
8. **Individual scores for juniors will be separated into their own section on the scoring system to determine top junior for the season**

N. WEIGH-IN (SOUTH & WEST)

1. All fish must be weighed on the official scales so designated.
2. All fish are to be clearly marked and sorted for individual identification prior to the weigh-in.

3. All fish must be individually presented to the scale and recorded against the angler's name on the official weigh sheet, which must be signed as correct by the skipper, or his nominee. All weighed fish to be marked by the weigh master.
4. In the **SOUTH** league **Scales close at 18h00** unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee to cater for special circumstances. **EXCEPT WHEN THE SUNDAY IS FISHED then scales will close at 16h00** or at the discretion of the host club T/O.
In the **WEST** league Scales close at 17h00 unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee or at the discretion of the host T/O. **EXCEPT WHEN THE SUNDAY IS FISHED then scales will close at 16h00.**
5. If no fish are caught, Weigh Sheets must be signed by the skipper, or in the absence thereof, be reported to the Control boat, if early return is necessitated.

M. PRIZES (SOUTH & WEST)

1. Prizes, will be awarded according to the available trophies and as determined by the WPDSAA Tournament Officer.
2. If any trophies are incorrectly awarded, the Club's Tournament Officer at the first opportunity must bring it to the attention of the WPDSAA Tournament Officer.
3. Trophies for separate South and West leagues to be awarded.

O. OBJECTIONS

All objections together with R 50.00 (Fifty Rands) must be reported to the Control boat or the host tournament officer or the WPDSAA Tournament Officer immediately they arise, but no later than the close of scales and must be followed up in writing within one (1) hour. This can however be extended to 24 hrs at the discretion of the elected Tournament Committee.

P. INFRINGEMENTS

Although the intent of these rules is to rely on the integrity and sportsmanship of all participants, the elected Tournament Committee may, at their discretion, rule for cancellation of any infringement as follows:

a) Boat score b) anglers catch (single fish or entire catch)c) entire teams score.

Q. APPEALS

Any participant may appeal against a ruling by doing so in writing to the WPDSAA Tournament Officer, together with R50.00 (Fifty Rands) within 1 week of the ruling. If the appeal is upheld, the money will be refunded, if not the money will be placed in the Tournament Fund.

R. DATES

WEST LEAGUE

29 / 30 January
19 / 20 March
6 / 7 August
27 / 28 August
17 / 18 September

SPARE
8 / 9 October

NB: fish a maximum of 5 legs in the WEST league

SOUTH LEAGUE

19 / 20 February

SuidPunt

SPARE

26 / 27 February (only available if 1st leg is blown out)

26 / 27 March

SuidPunt

23 / 24 July

Overberg

13 / 14 August

Overberg

10 / 11 September

Overberg

SPARE

24 / 25 September

NB: fish a maximum of 5 legs in the SOUTH league

LINE FACTOR TABLE

<u>LINE CLASS</u>	<u>FACTOR</u>
1 kg	4
2 kg	3
3 kg	2.5
4 kg	2

N.B.! THE WESTERN PROVINCE INFORMATION TAPE **TELEPHONE NO. 078 711 1105**

TOURNAMENT OFFICERS' DUTIES

A. WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER

1. Make available (**ON REQUEST**) to host club tournament officer the WPsuitcase:
Assized Scale (to be done yearly)
Weigh-in sheets (registration book)
Record file
Record claim forms (available from Records Officer)
Camera & spools (if available)
Tape measure
List of legal limit species
Inshore League Rules
2. Call meeting of Tournament Committee immediately after close of scales if to attend to any objections. If an objection cannot be immediately resolved, a date must be set for a further meeting, where a decision must be taken or referred to Council for assistance.
3. Ensure that the Tournament Committee complies with all the rules as set out.

B. HOST CLUB'S TOURNAMENT OFFICER

1. Be available for the weather decision by 19h00 on the Wednesday, Thursday & Friday prior to the West League taking place.
2. All decisions will then be placed on the WP tape or advised at registration for the information of league participants.
3. Ensure that the registration book is readily available to anglers at the specified venues, from half-an-hour before launching.
4. Name of control boat.
5. Make arrangements for alternate launching when required to do so.
6. Ensure that weigh masters/mistresses are appointed to the scales and that the scale is assized for the year.

7. Fax weigh sheets (WHITE PG's) to the official scorer no later than 19:00 on the day following the league.
8. Must be available at the venue until close of scale.
9. T/O may inspect boats at any time to confirm that bag limits and leader lengths and line brands used are within the rules.

TOURNAMENT OFFICERS SHOULD AT ALL TIMES REFRAIN FROM BEING INVOLVED IN CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING RULES OVER THE AIR AND SHOULD ACTIVELY DISCOURAGE THEIR ANGLERS FROM IT. ANY ANGLER WITH A COMPLAINT SHOULD CONTACT HIS/HER CLUB TOURNAMENT OFFICER OR THE HOST TOURNAMENT OFFICER WHO CAN IN TURN CONFER WITH THE WPDSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER ON ANOTHER CHANNEL IF NECESSARY OR PREFERABLY BACK ON LAND.

C. WEIGHMASTERS/MISTRESS

1. Be available at the scales from lines-up.
2. Ensure that ALL names of anglers are noted on the boat weigh sheet – nil catch included.
3. Enter ALL fish presented to the scales, irrespective of weight
4. At close of scale hand over to the host tournament officer all completed weigh sheets.